

FA CUP FIRST ROUND: BRIGHTON VISIT WALTON



Clough? He won't scare amateurs

By Norman Giller

AMATEUR Cup-holders Walton and Hersham yesterday drew Brian Clough in the first round of the F.A. Cup.

Brighton — Clough's new club — came out of the hat last, drawn to visit Walton at their 6,500 - capacity ground on November 24.

"It's a wonderful draw," said Walton secretary Adrian Cooke. "We could not have asked for a more attractive match.

"Brian Clough is a great personality and has put Brighton in the spotlight at just the right time for us.

"I think it is going to be a bit of a laugh—but not for Mr. Clough and Brighton. We have been beaten at home only once in the Isthmian League in the last two years and so we

must fancy our chances of winning.

"There is every reason for us to feel confident. Remember we beat Exeter in the Cup last year."

Brighton, who have never gone beyond the fifth round of the Cup, were too busy counting money yesterday to take more than a passing interest in the draw.

Since the arrival of Clough and Peter Taylor, they have collected £1,000 from fans joining Brighton's Vice-Presidents' Club at £50 a time.

They took £6,500 on Saturday for the home game against York, an increase of £3,800 on the previous match.

Ticket rush

Brighton office staff are dealing with a rush of more than 200 applications for season tickets ranging in price from £11 to £17-60.

Slough, the team beaten by Walton in last season's Amateur Cup Final, travel a few miles down the motorway to play League neighbours Reading, who lost their unbeaten home record on Saturday.

The 32 non-League survivors have had mixed luck in the draw. Nine are drawn at home to League opposition and nine away.

The remaining 14 are paired against each other to guarantee at least seven non-League clubs competing in the second round. Newport, with an unhappy record of Cup calamities, will not relish the prospect of playing Isthmian League amateurs Wycombe Wanderers on their sloping Loakes Park ground.